

B.C.E.R. Advances Dates For 40-Hour Week; Pay Retroactive



Three-Wheeling

Richard takes his wife and four-year-old daughter for a spin on the three-wheel bicycle he built from old spare parts in Southampton, England. The confection sports detachable saddle-seats. Richard hopes to fit the bike with a one-horsepower motor.

Extinction Threatens Winnipeg's Grain Pit

WINNIPEG (CP)—Closing of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, if the world's largest export market, was considered possible following announcement of the Canadian Wheat Board's plan to take over the marketing of wheat and barley.

Oranges Made, Lost There

It is this very activity which opponents of the futures market have objected. They pointed to the \$2 a bushel being paid for the 140,000,000 bushels of wheat going to the United Kingdom in the current (1948-49) crop year under the Anglo-Canadian wheat contract, and to the 1949-50 price of \$2 a bushel.

Three Western Ministers Continue Talk On Germany

ARIS (AP)—The three Western Ministers met again today to discuss their diplomatic campaign against Russia in the Western European Council.

Colt Scratches

First race—Liberate, Atterbury, Tree Town, Gray, Ranahhead, Perma, Pal.
Second race—Casey Jones, Reba.
Third race—Bleu Fleur, Tasher.
Fourth race—Reposition, Tasher.
Fifth race—Teddy Reigh, Scenath, race—Verona, Sands.
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Commercial interests could be served through de facto recognition. But the Communists have carefully avoided the customary de facto recognition of consulates—something the western powers obviously desire.

Norman Macpherson, B.C. Works Deputy, Dies Suddenly
Norman Wilson Macpherson, deputy minister of public works for British Columbia, died suddenly following a heart attack early today. He was 61 years of age.

Mr. Macpherson joined the provincial works department in January, 1948, and since that time had helped shape some of the province's major highway projects. He came to Victoria from Edmonton, having served most of his life with the Alberta works department.

Born in St. Thomas, Ont., and a graduate in civil engineering of the University of Toronto, Mr. Macpherson was one of the most outstanding bridge engineers in western Canada. He joined the Alberta works department in 1911 and was appointed bridge engineer in 1914, a position he held until 1934.

He also served as Alberta highway commissioner and as a member of the Alberta highway traffic board.

Mr. Macpherson had returned by air to his office Tuesday afternoon from an inspection trip with Harry Anderson, chief engineer of the provincial works department, of the Hope-Princeton Highway. On the trip he had complained of his health but had said on reaching his office that he was feeling somewhat better.

He apparently suffered a heart attack shortly after returning to his home at 2390 Oak Bay Avenue Tuesday afternoon. He died in hospital shortly after midnight.

Mr. Macpherson is survived by his wife and a daughter. Mrs. T. C. Humphreys, Vancouver, A.

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Funeral arrangements are being made today.



Just A Reminder

Not even this statue was safe when political posters were plastered on a street corner in Trieste as campaigning began for the first local administrative elections since the war. Although the elections are local, the results may indicate the temper of the people with regard to the future of the free territory, smack on Russia's Iron Curtain.

Drop In Stock Prices Slows As Market Opens

TORONTO (CP)—The stock price slump continued today in early dealings on the Toronto Stock Exchange. But the decline was much slower than Tuesday's sharp break when 141 issues sold at new lows for the year.

A few key western oil issues showed gains.

Tuesday's drop was general. At Montreal and Toronto, stocks hit new lows and the New York market slumped in the face of a selling drive.

Trading was not as active as late Tuesday when the selling wave gave the market its hardest blow since March 16, 1948.

Today was the seventh consecutive day in which prices fell.

Same Job 81 Years
LIMPENHOE, Norfolk, Eng. (CP)—Jack Sales, 89, has worked longer than anyone on Hill House farm here, he has worked 81 years. He is a farm steward and has eight men working under him, including "young" Ben Turner, who has been there a mere 48 years.

Woman Facing Charge In Seattle
SEATTLE (AP)—Charged with membership in an organization which advocates overthrow of the government by force, Mrs. Hazel Anne Wolfe, 51-year-old secretary, was arrested here Tuesday. She was released on \$500 bond.

Mrs. Wolfe is a Canadian, born in Victoria, and has been employed by an attorney. It was reported by John P. Boyd, district director of the immigration and naturalization service.

On her release from the immigration station after posting bond, Mrs. Wolfe told newsmen: "I have been in the United States 24 years. I have been active in trade union and Progressive Party affairs. I don't know why they picked me up at this time."

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Transit operators now receive \$1.10 an hour or \$50.60 for a 46-hour week.

Non-platform members of the union—men who work in the shops and on outside maintenance—will reach the 40-hour week on Nov. 16, 1949. They now work on an average of 44 hours weekly.

The B.C. Electric today is computing what effect the proposed agreement with its 3,000 transportation workers in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster will have on its operating costs, but officials have declined to suggest the adjustments will mean an increase in transportation fares.

Until the computations have been completed no official comment will be made by the company, an official said. He denied that any responsible officer of the company had suggested there would be an increase in bus fares in Victoria or the other cities.

Weather Forecast
Clear today and Thursday with southeast winds, 20 m.p.h. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 47; high Thursday, 63.

Says B.C. Lumber Picture Less Gloomy Than Painted

VANCOUVER (CP)—A little optimism has been injected into the Canadian west coast lumber trade—British Columbia's No. 1 industry.

Gordon H. Rochester, Ottawa, timber controller, said in an interview here Tuesday night the province is shipping more lumber this year to the United States than in 1948.

His comment that the lumber picture "isn't as gloomy as some people think" followed hard on lumber circle pessimism over United Kingdom contracts being negotiated. It was generally expected, sources said, the United Kingdom will make cuts of \$20 a thousand board feet.

Such a reduction, they say, may cause a minor slump on the B.C. logging market.

But this gloomy outlook was met by the optimism of Mr. Rochester.

Shipments of lumber to the U.S. in April totaled 190,000 board feet, compared with 174,000,000 board feet for the same period in 1948.

If the sales to Uncle Sam keep up and the British contracts come through as expected the woods of B.C. will continue to hum as they have in the past, says Mr. Rochester.

However, he admits there has been a big drop in shipments of lumber to all markets this year from the Vancouver forest district, which includes Vancouver Island. So far, 646,000,000 board feet have been shipped this year, compared with 725,000,000 last year.

This is a drop of 40,000,000 in domestic sales, and 70,000,000 in British buying.

Increased purchases by the U.S. and other countries have helped the situation a great deal, he said.

Meanwhile, present lumber quotas in B.C. are still in force and no present change is being made by Mr. Rochester.

Nine Men Arrested By R.C.M.P. In Drive Against Narcotics

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At least two other arrests are expected. The men have charges of conspiring, combining and confederating to distribute heroin to persons unknown laid against them.

The eastern men arrested Tuesday are being flown here by R.C.M.P.

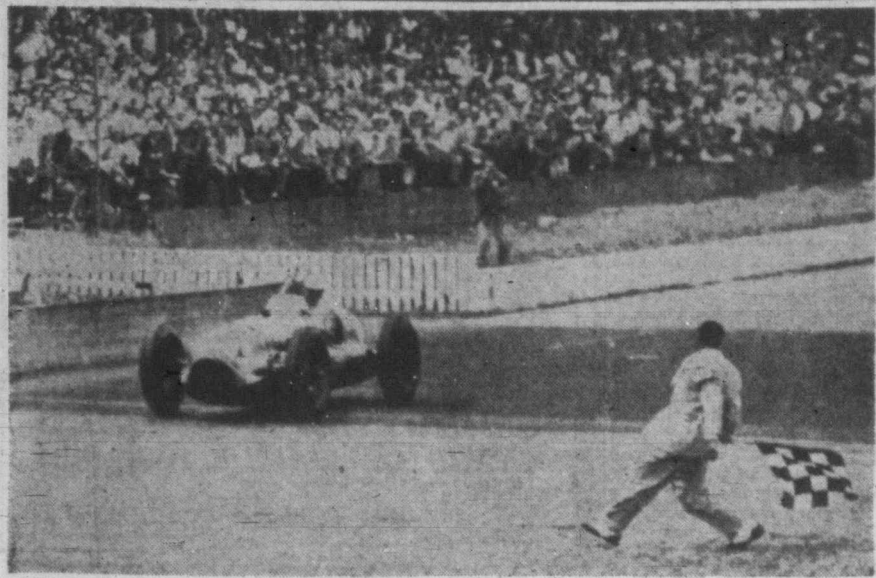
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Churchill, Attlee In Private Meeting

LONDON (Reuter)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Opposition Leader Winston Churchill today met privately to discuss defence questions. Their talk—centred on two defence memoranda submitted to Attlee by Churchill—was to pave the way for a larger meeting of government and opposition leaders.



Sets New Record

Bill Holland gets the checkered flag of victory in the 33rd running of the 500-mile race at Indianapolis, Ind., setting a new record with an average speed of 121.327 miles per hour. It was the third year in a row that one of Lou Moore's Blue Crown Specials was driven to victory. Holland's teammate, Mauri Rose, drove one to win in 1947 and 1948. (NEA Photo)

Big Four Clash Again On Berlin Veto Issue

PARIS (AP)—The Foreign Ministers' Council today took up the question of restoring four-power control of Berlin and clashed at once on the veto issue. U.S. sources said the three western ministers urged the rule of unanimity be abolished in a revived kommandatura. Foreign Minister Vishinsky of Russia strongly objected, saying unanimous decisions were "the only way to govern."

Before today's session the three Western Foreign Ministers met to discuss their diplomatic campaign against Russia in the council. The conference lasted

about 75 minutes. It was understood that one of the questions discussed was whether the four-power council should go into "restricted" session.

"This would mean that the deliberations would be secret and that newspapermen would not be briefed at the conclusion of the meetings. There was no indication as to what decision was reached."

At present, reporters are barred from the pink marble palace where the meetings are held. After the conclusion of the sessions, however, press officers from each of the four delegations give resumes.

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'Bad Risks' Kept Working For U.S. Atomic Commission

WASHINGTON (AP)—Carroll L. Wilson, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's general manager, said today he kept two scientists on payrolls despite his security officer's finding that they were bad risks.

Wilson told a Congressional committee he made his own de-

cision in these cases and had not taken the matter up with the commission.

Wilson testified at the Senate-House atomic committee's hearings on charges by Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) that there has been "incredible mismanagement" of the commission's affairs under the chairmanship of David E. Lilienthal.

The names of the two scientists were not brought out.

"I did not consider there was a security risk involved," Wilson said.

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Child Not Refused Hospital Admission

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The following is a statement from the doctor:

"The baby was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital because it had been crying all day and was constipated."

"This condition was successfully treated at St. Joseph's Hospital. There was no fever. The parents were told there was no medical reason for admitting the girl."

"The aspiration pneumonia must have occurred after the child left the hospital."

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Churchill Has Hopes No Future Wars

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"There was a time, in 1935 and 1936 when I used to hear—in the famous lines—'ancestral voices prophesying war,'" said the wartime Prime Minister.

"But now I am thankful to say I do not hear those voices."

Churchill spoke at a ceremony in which he was made a freeman of the Borough of Kensington.

Two Face Charge As Result Of Escape

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two Vancouver men who gave their occupations as doctors have been arrested on warrants charging that they were accessories to the escape of James Edecombe from the General Hospital May 27. The men charged are Arthur L. Guinness and John M. Campbell.

Edecombe escaped while under police guard at the hospital by jumping out a window, 15 feet from the ground.

He was in hospital while awaiting trial on a charge of attempting to procure an abortion. He was arrested shortly after his escape.

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'In Dutch With Officials'

Her second-hand plane grounded at the Malton airport near Toronto, under international regulations, following an unauthorized flight from Chicago, Mrs. Richard Morrow-Tait, 25-year-old English pilot, is pondering her next move in her effort to complete her round-the-world flight. U.S. officials, keeping an eye on the American-made plane, a B-13A two-passenger trainer-type craft, said it could not be flown across the Atlantic without violating regulations. At Toronto the aviatrix said: "We're in Dutch with the U.S. authorities." Above she is shown with her navigator, Jack Ellis. (SNS Photo)

LATEST

Chinese Flying Home

VANCOUVER (CP)—Fifteen Canadian Chinese left Vancouver International Airport today for Hongkong—despite the surging Communist armies in their homeland. The group, mainly from Eastern Canada, includes two babies.

Market Rallies

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock, grain and cotton markets found a steady price footing today after Tuesday's pounding. Quotations in the New York Stock Exchange started off with a slight drop but soon leveled off. At the close the market was inching ahead although there were still plenty of losers.

Slight Earthquake At Vancouver, Wash.

PORTLAND (AP)—An area of Vancouver, Wash., and east Portland shook slightly Tuesday night—enough to dump a few house-holders' dishes on the floor.

The populace, mindful of April's earthquake, thought it was another tremor. The University of Washington seismograph, however, registered nothing.

Police, flooded with "what happened?" calls, canvassed the area for an explosion, but there hadn't been any.

About 100 residents of East Vancouver telephoned police about it. So did several east side Portlanders. Some said floor lamps were knocked over, a few dishes clattered and fell.

C.S.U. Officials Elect Jury Trial

HALIFAX (CP)—Two officials of the striking Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.) today elected trial in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on charges of illegal possession of offensive weapons.

Atlantic organizer H. C. Meade and port agent Gus Genies will stand trial at the October session of the court. Bail was set at \$1,000 each.

Meade and Genies were arrested at C.S.U. headquarters here April 12. Police seized a number of pick-axe handles, meathooks and other weapons at the same time.

Nine Men Held After Extensive R.C.M.P. Work

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal officials today described the current narcotics drive in which nine men have been arrested as one of the biggest ever undertaken in Canada. Commissioner S. T. Wood of the R.C.M.P. said the roundup, the result of many months of work on the part of the force and the health department, was one of the largest and most successful drives against narcotics in some years.

K. C. Hossick, director of the narcotics control division of the health department, said the drive was part of the ceaseless war being waged against dope peddlers.

He said the amazing price of \$20 a gram for heroin indicated "how difficult it is becoming to obtain forbidden drugs illicitly."

"Our legal trade (doctors and druggists) is so clean today," Mr. Hossick said, "that the price in the underworld has been forced up to new high levels."

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SERVING SENTENCE

Pearl and John Smokler are serving sentences in Vancouver for previous narcotics convictions. The R.C.M.P. said the six-month investigation leading to Tuesday's arrests was touched off by an alert-house detective in a Vancouver hotel who overheard a hotel-room conversation. Police did not disclose where they expect to make the two remaining arrests.

Congress Official U.B.C. Librarian

VANCOUVER (CP)—Dr. Leslie W. Dunlap of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., has been appointed librarian of the University of British Columbia. It was announced here today.

He succeeds Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, who in January became Dominion archivist and prospective librarian of the new National Library of Canada.

Dr. Dunlap, who holds degrees in English, history and library science, has served more than 12 years in outstanding research libraries in the United States including the New York public library.

Still Want Amethyst

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Two thousand dynamite-hurling miners Tuesday battled 200 troops for control of the Patho-owned Huanuni tin mines. The mining area is in the high Andes, about 200 miles southeast of La Paz.

The government previously had decreed a state of siege, suspending normal civil rights for 90 days under semi-martial law.

Railroads throughout the embattled country meanwhile halted service, threatening a grave food shortage. The nation's 3,000,000 landlocked residents get most of their supplies by rail from Argentina, Peru and Chile.

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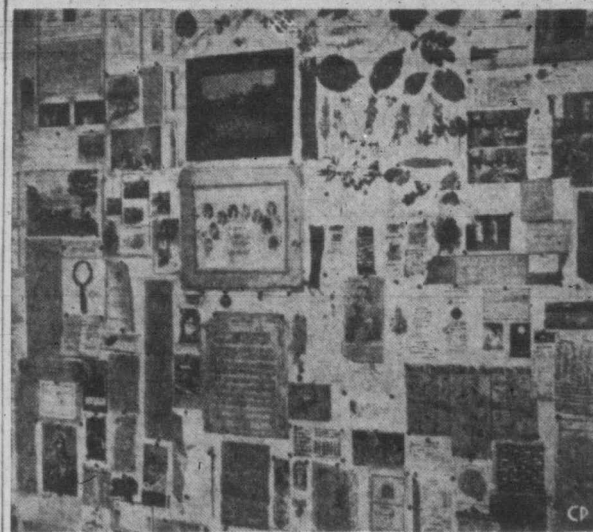
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FORGETFUL READERS—Canadian readers are an absent-minded lot, Mrs. Margaret Reynolds, director of the Canadian Book Centre at Halifax believes. Shown here are a few of the items found in books received from across Canada for shipment to the looted and destroyed libraries of European countries. These articles, used as bookmarks and some just left in books, include almost everything imaginable. As each new item is found, Mrs. Reynolds adds it to the wall display in her office. (CP Photo).

Songhees Hold Political Parley With Candidates

Indians in the Greater Victoria area held a political parley Tuesday—the first since the Provincial government extended to British Columbia Indians the franchise to vote in political elections.

The historic event was held in the Songhees Indian Reserve School on Admirals Road. Indians, including many women, from Sooke, Esquimalt, Saanich and Cowichan, were present at the meeting to hear Coalition government candidates ask them for their support at the polls on June 15.

Speakers included Cmdr. Charles T. Beard, Mrs. Nancy Hodges, Arthur J. R. Ash and Leigh F. Stevenson, a former R.C.A.F. air vice-marshal, all seeking re-election on Coalition government tickets.

The meeting presented a colorful scene. Paintings and sketches depicting different phases of Indian life hung from the walls of the schoolroom. In the gathering were seated many young men who served in the army in the war. Father J. J. Bradley and A. E. Pickford, one of the best authorities on Northwest Indians, were also present to watch the proceedings.

Perhaps one of the most colorful personalities at the rally was 83-year-old Jimmy Fraser, who sat silently listening to the speakers. He could remember the days when the white men were few on Vancouver Island.

Also present was Ed Williams, 75, who saw during his lifetime Victoria grow over an area which once only supported game and fish—important to the livelihood of the Indians.

URGES COALITION VOTE

Chief Percy Ross, chairman, told the gathering there were only a few Indians who still were not in favor of the franchise. He said their opposition to Indians taking part in the political life of the province arose from a fear that the Indians would lose their rights.

He named the Cowichan Indians as the chief opponents to the franchise. "That is because white men have made so many promises and broken them," he said.

Chief Ross urged the Indians to vote solidly behind the Coalition government. "If you don't vote solid for one party you will lose power," he said.

He said he was sorry to hear that there were Indians supporting the C.C.F. party because this would split the vote of the Indians.

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Chief Ross made it quite clear to the candidates present that the Indians in the Greater Victoria area meant to ask the government for assistance.

"Every traffic school sign in the municipality has been painted except the one in front of the Indian Reserve School," he said. "In the winter many of the houses were flooded because of the poor drainage system."

Mrs. Nancy Hodges, candidate for Victoria, said the Indians had not been given a vote until now mainly because of their brotherhoods had opposed the move to enfranchise the Indians.

She said the time had come for the Indians to take an active part in the political life of the province and she expressed the hope that they would all vote.

Mrs. Hodges recalled that the Indians had contributed a great deal to Canadian art. "From the pictures on these walls, I can see that some of your artists will soon be displaying their works at the Indian Art Exhibition."

Cmdr. Charles T. Beard, recalled that the Indians had played their part in the development of Canada and were good fighters in the war.

He said the C.C.F. Party wanted to set up "a dream sort of a government."

"They will promise you lots of things," he said, "but they haven't yet discovered who is going to pay for them."

Mr. Ash reviewed the work the Coalition government had carried out during its term of office.

He urged the Indians to go out and vote and warned them that Socialism would ultimately lead to Communism.

Mr. Stevenson also spoke on the work and achievements of the Indians in Canada.

Toronto Audience Hears Coldwell

TORONTO (CP)—M. J. Coldwell, national C.C.F. leader, said Tuesday night the Liberal Party had shown during the time it had held office that "its promises are not worth the paper they are written on."

In an election campaign address here, he accused the Liberal candidates in the June 27 election of making promises which contradicted each other, and charged Liberal cabinet ministers with evading issues.

"Six weeks ago Prime Minister St. Laurent said in Edmonton that the Liberal Party had met or surpassed its election promises," Mr. Coldwell asserted. "The people of Canada are, I believe, aware that that is not so."

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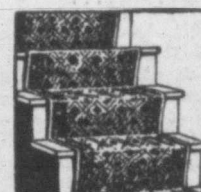
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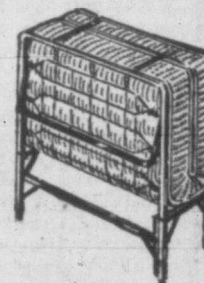
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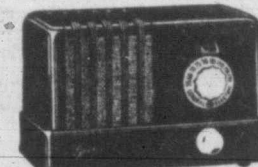
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REACHING THE LIMIT

ALTHOUGH VOTING MUST STILL TAKE place among the Street Railwaymen's Union members employed by the B.C. Electric, the recommendation of the union officials gives strong hope that the wages and hours controversy will be settled without recourse to a strike. The inconvenience and dislocations caused by previous walkouts—in 1945 and again in 1947—have left the general public with little sympathy for such tactics, regardless of the merits of the point at issue. And it will not be forgotten, either, that there must inevitably be a limit to the process of raising wages and decreasing hours of work.

The laws of economics apply to transportation as they do to manufacturing or other industrial and commercial pursuits. Costs raised beyond a certain point must be reflected in an increased price for the commodity or service, unless the structure of the business is to suffer. Whether that point has been reached in the present instance would be a matter for the Public Utilities Commission to decide if called upon for a hearing. But, in any case, an automatic increase in fares cannot be looked upon as a ready answer to all union demands. In Victoria, for example, there has already been one fare increase since the new franchise came into effect. Another is bound to result in public opposition. Fares would appear to have reached a maximum level for a community of this size; the ultimate source of transportation revenue—the wallets of the bus passengers—is not unlimited.

This consideration should be borne in mind by the Street Railwaymen's Union members as they consider the latest settlement proposal. The rising cost of living has been the cause—and usually a reasonable one—of continued wage increases. But the cost of living has not risen unduly since the last wage negotiation. The goose that lays the golden eggs may not be content to remain a goose.

HAZY DREW ECONOMICS

AT ONE POINT DURING HIS PLAT-form performance in Victoria on Monday, Mr. George Drew, national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, seemed to be worrying about the fact that Great Britain had bought a considerable amount of goods from Continental Europe—even from states behind the "Iron curtain." Probably many of his own supporters wondered why he was so troubled about this particular business fact.

It would obviously be an excellent stroke of business if the Dominion of Canada could supply the United Kingdom with the variety of commodities of which she is in urgent need. But what the former Premier of Ontario did not explain to his audience was the method whereby Canadian exporters and British importers could get together and strike a deal in which, by some strange economic alchemy, the disparity between the Canadian dollar and the pound sterling could be composed.

Mr. Drew is a past master of generalities. He talks glibly about Anglo-Canadian trade. And we are reminded of his frothy utterance in this regard by a Reuters' dispatch from Buenos Aires yesterday which narrated details of a new trade pact between Great Britain and Argentina. This announcement, incidentally, recalls to mind one of the first trading reactions to the Imperial Economic Conference held in Ottawa in 1932. Deliberations on that occasion, as most of our readers will remember, were a modern imitation of the original concept of an Imperial Zollverein as envisioned by the late Joseph Chamberlain.

No sooner had London delegates to that Ottawa meeting arrived back in Great Britain than Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, who led his colleagues to Ottawa, dressed up the then Prince of Wales—now Duke of Windsor—in his best clothes and sent him down as an official envoy to the Argentine with an implied injunction that he do his best to strengthen the trading relations between the United Kingdom and that important Latin American republic. The inference in all the foregoing is, or should be, obvious.

LATE IN THE DAY

WHAT POLITICAL CAPITAL MAY BE made of the statement by the London Sunday Express aviation writer, Group Capt. Hugh S. L. Dundas—that Canada may not be getting the most serviceable jet fighter aircraft from the United States—remains to be seen. The British expert now in this Dominion on a visit has points in his favor when he compares the durability of British products with the mechanical life expectancy of the United States F-86. On the other hand, it seems obvious that experts will continue to disagree on the relative merits of various machines and will automatically lean toward those they favor themselves.

The fact remains, however, that the Canadian authorities doubtless studied the matter in meticulous detail before making their recommendations respecting the use of the American model. It has been noted, moreover, that British interests have criticized their own lack of salesmanship in pro-

moting the choice of a British plane in this country. Added to all this, of course, is the question of prices and the fact that every plane is technically obsolete as soon as it leaves the drawing board for production. New models on the draughting boards make it so.

Avoidance of conflict in opinions in the future, we suggest, may be accomplished by advancing still more rapidly the scheme for armament standardization of all descriptions among the Anglo-Saxon powers. At all events, the suggestion of Group Capt. Dundas comes a little late in the day for the specific point he raises. It may, however, be useful in future negotiations.

HIS NEW TUNE

MR. GEORGE DREW'S DECLARATION that if elected to power at Ottawa he would call a Dominion-provincial conference to iron out problems affecting the federal government and the members of Confederation adds the final touch of irony to his campaign. It does not require a very long memory to recall that it was Mr. Drew himself, as Premier of Ontario, who allied himself with Mr. Duplessis of Quebec to make as much trouble as he could at the last similar conference. It was his stand, in an effort to embarrass the Dominion government, that was mainly instrumental in destroying hopes of making the Dominion-provincial wartime tax-agreement Canada-wide. It was his recalcitrance that provoked dissension at the Ottawa meetings and endangered implementation of the necessary tax-collecting plan.

This is the man who now would call a conference to settle such difficulties as may exist between the governments. Whatever the "difficulties" are, Mr. Drew should be well acquainted with them, for he and the policies he supported are mainly responsible for them. It is a little late in the day for him to march under the banner of Dominion-provincial harmony.

PINNING IT DOWN

IN THE OPINION OF CHIEF JUSTICE Wendell B. Farris an amendment of the Criminal Code is required to clarify the relationship between drinking and culpability in automobile accidents. Addressing a prisoner prior to sentence this week in a manslaughter case, the Chief Justice is quoted as stating:

"I said during your trial that in my opinion the question of drinking did not affect the guilt. I did not mean by that that drunkenness was any excuse. I simply meant that the Code, when drafted, did not have in mind the question of a jury taking it into consideration. I intend to recommend to the Prison Commission meeting that they revise the Criminal Code so there will be no doubt that future juries can take the question of drunkenness into consideration on a charge such as this."

The remarks of the Chief Justice lend added emphasis to the question of drinking and driving. It need not be argued that a person may have a drink or two without losing competency and without suffering a sufficiently strong reaction to dull judgment. On the other hand, authorities assert that when the blood alcohol is above a certain critical level, any individual, whether tolerant or intolerant of alcohol, suffers from delayed reflexes, faulty judgment and a distorted opinion of his or her physical abilities. Beyond the specified point, danger exists that such a person will become a menace if placed in charge of a car. Carelessness to the point of utter recklessness is apt to be exhibited by a driver who would otherwise exercise the greatest caution on the road.

Under these circumstances the advisability of using some unequivocal method of determining the degree of incapacity created by consuming alcohol appears necessary for successful determination of court cases. Scientific methods of making the necessary analysis should be employed. Without them, border line cases will continue to confuse courts and juries. If it is possible to reach a definite determination through blood analysis and other means, the results of such examinations should be available to remove any doubts in a juror's mind. Anything less leaves the court with the unsatisfactory alternative of taking the opinion of one witness against that of another on the matter of a driver's sobriety.

PROVING THE POINT

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, WHEN WE were protesting the dismantling of the Provincial Police two-way radio facilities in patrol cars, we drew attention to the advantages this form of communication provided in the apprehension of wrong-doers and in the speedy assistance of accident victims. When the B.C. force restored radio we applauded the action.

Yesterday's news columns supply their own commentary on the benefits accruing from the co-ordinated facilities of city and provincial police, which are both equipped with the machines. Summing up the report of a successful chase of a fugitive who had stolen a car, the item says:

The theft was reported to have taken place at about 10.10 this morning. The radio message went out about 10.40 and Constable Godfrey called in at 10.50 that he had the youth in custody.

This is not, of course, the only case in which radio has proved its merits in south Vancouver Island police work. But to the episode reported above we add only: Q.E.D.

NOTES

Vaudeville has been given a shot in the arm, and some of the old jokes have been resurrected along with the acts.

Everything changes but human nature. The man who is trying to make some easy money will usually wind up by buying a gold brick.

C.C.F. And Communism

Winnipeg Free Press

DURING the past few days, C.C.F. supporters in Manitoba have received a letter signed by 11 members of their party, including two members of the provincial legislature. That letter, the text of which is reproduced, is the latest in a series of incidents which reveal the steady growth of a pro-Communist element in the C.C.F.

That element, it is clear, is neither small nor insignificant. It was able, in the first of these incidents, to command enough support to commit the Manitoba convention of the party to opposition to the Marshall Plan. It was able later to put the B.C. provincial convention on record against the Atlantic Pact. And in between it has been powerful enough to break out in a long series of individual episodes in which the authority of the C.C.F. executive has been challenged. The text of the letter follows:

ARE YOU, as a Canadian, and particularly as a member of the C.C.F., disturbed about present tendencies towards war?

"Do you feel that the policies being adopted at Ottawa, fashioned after the policies from Washington, will bring peace and security, or will they bring depression and war? Do you agree that the Marshall Plan (or the European Recovery Plan) of supplying arms and other reinforcements to non-Socialist governments of Greece, Italy, France, Japan, et al, will further the development of Socialism and peace, or will it mean the re-establishment of capitalism and the continuation of civil war, and the continued exploitation of the common people of those lands?"

"Do you think that the increased production of armaments in Canada and the U.S.A. is meant to (or will) lead to world security, or are you of the opinion that this is another case of capitalism to 'cover up' the coming depression? In this regard do you feel that the North Atlantic Pact is a peaceful association of nations, or is it more a plan to ensure markets for U.S. arms production?"

THE C.C.F. has officially given its support to these plans. Various representatives of the party have stated that in their opinion we have made a mistake; that as a Socialist party we have no right to endorse plans emanating almost completely from the centre of world capitalism—Washington. Objections to present C.C.F. policy in these matters have been heard from, amongst others, C.C.F. delegates from British Columbia and some from Saskatchewan and Manitoba at the national convention last fall; from the convention of the Manitoba C.C.F., which last summer passed a resolution opposing the Marshall Plan; from R. H. Carlin, past C.C.F. member in the Ontario House, who failed to receive endorsement of the C.C.F. in the last Ontario election; and more lately, from Wilbert Doneleyko, C.C.F. M.L.A. in Manitoba, and from sections of the C.C.F. in B.C.

WE ARE making as wide a distribution as possible of this letter among C.C.F. members in Manitoba. We want to keep this an inner party discussion. While members of the Manitoba C.C.F. executive know that these letters are going out, they are not sent out under their authority. It is simply a venture on the part of some C.C.F. members to arouse discussion on these matters, and receive your opinion on them. Please address your replies to Mr. H. Cook, 757 Jubilee Ave., Winnipeg, Man. . .

THE PURPOSE of the letter is clear. It seeks to discredit, by means of slanted questions, the Marshall Plan, the Atlantic Pact and the increased defence estimates which are part of the pact. And it does so using all the familiar jargon of the Communist faithful. It could not have been done better by the official organ of the Communist Party. Nor is there the slightest difference of meaning or intent between it and pro-Communist literature which has been published in this country and elsewhere as an integral part of the Soviet campaign against the western democracies. It has not even the courage of a public performance. It sponsors wished it kept "as an inner party discussion" and attempted to claim for it, when challenged by this newspaper, the right of private correspondence. It is no such thing. It is a document of obvious public interest, issued by members of a political party at present seeking the endorsement of the voters.

IN THE FACE of this increasing evidence of pro-Communist support in the C.C.F., what is the C.C.F. doing?

Each of these episodes has been greeted with much hand wringing and many protestations. They do not represent, it is said, the considered judgment of the party. Mr. Coldwell has said so, Mr. David Lewis, national secretary, has said so and so have others. But nothing is ever done about it. The personal views of the C.C.F. executive are not in question. But once the C.C.F. was sincere about the pro-Communists in its ranks and expelled them. That day is no more. Today, the executive is obviously impotent, the views of Mr. Coldwell and Mr. Lewis are brought into contempt by their followers.

AND THE BEST the C.C.F. can muster is the mildest of mild rebuke. The public is entitled to question the sincerity of a party which harbors within itself large groups whose attitude on the most important issues of the day is directly counter to its own policy. A fair conclusion from this series of episodes is that the C.C.F.'s much talked of antipathy to the Communist and the fellow-traveler stops short of the ballot box.

A Lot Of Help He Turned Out To Be!



Canadians Knew These Places

By JACQUES KAYSER

I HAVE JUST been traveling through the county of the Manche which in 1944 was one of the most devastated in France.

FIRST CONTACT
In the picturesque village of Sainte Mere Eglise, which, thanks to the airborne troops, was the first place in France to be liberated, one meets men and women who dispute the honor of having made the first contact with the allied parachutists.

In isolated farms and hamlets, the war has also left its mark, often less apparent on the walls of the buildings than in the conversation of the inhabitants. It was in these outlying districts, far off the beaten track, hidden from sight by rows of Norman hedges, which bear witness to a tradition of individuality; that the people of neighboring towns came for refuge, that the resistance men were welcomed, that the underground movement had its centres, that allied agents and the pilots of planes which had been brought down by the Nazis found a safe shelter.

Everywhere the war remains alive in people's minds and when the farmers go to market or to the fair, when every day the children go to school, the sight of clustered or isolated ruins, would recall to them if there

were any need, a recent period which was for them an epic of heroism and fear.

I scarcely heard a complaint other than those which are caused everywhere by the difficulties of the moment, because the Manche is a rich country, because there are at least as many milk cows and cattle as before the battles, because the harvest prospects are quite good and because, after the winter, spring gives optimism and patience.

Certainly I heard complaints of the slowness of reconstruction and the difficulty met with by local enterprise . . . but everywhere after the heavy task of clearance, building yards have sprung up and beside temporary shacks permanent houses are being built, whole blocks are near completion and in the towns the skeleton steelwork of apartment buildings is disappearing under a coat of concrete.

BUILDING PROGRESSES
A town such as Saint Lo which one could have truthfully said had been wiped out of existence, displays on its slopes the strange sight of a combination of waste ground, scaffolding, shacks, dwelling houses, standing alone or in rows.

Coutances, which is still the

provisional capital of the county until Saint Lo can house the offices and administrative personnel, offers a similar sight, but the fact that the town is a unit is more obvious because it was less damaged and the cathedral, its framework intact, seems to link the buildings together, and to associate them with its austere strength.

But it must not be thought that the efforts exerted by these towns taken as examples is limited to them. Only official statistics can reveal the extent of the disaster suffered in the Manche and the great degree of recovery.

Nearly 15,000 dwelling places and commercial buildings were completely destroyed; 6,700 have been permanently reconstructed and 4,200 replaced by shacks or light temporary buildings.

RECONSTRUCTION
In a district of 600 centres of population, 700 schools and about 450 churches were entirely or partially destroyed; 200 schools and 150 churches have already been rebuilt or repaired. Since reconstruction work started, nearly 70,000 tons of cement, more than 10,000 tons of steel, nearly 15,000 tons of slates, more than 6,000 tons of reinforced concrete and more than 17,000 tons of tiles have been used.

Let Others Take Heart

By BRUCE BLOSSAT, From Washington

THE Germans in the Soviet zone of Germany have delivered a damaging Sunday punch to the plans of their Russian overseers. They may well have wrecked the whole original strategy devised by the Russians for the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers now in progress at Paris.

TURNED DOWN

What was this rude setback? By Soviet admission, 4 per cent of the German voters in the Russian zone turned down a Communist-rigged list of delegates to a proposed nationwide People's Congress.

The ballot also stood as an expression for or against "German unity, a speedy peace treaty and withdrawal of all occupation troops." Hence the Russians concede that a third of the voters recorded themselves against the Soviet version of these objectives.

Backward

Exchange

A minor Soviet official, after several months' tour of duty in the United States, was asked what his impressions were. "Some things are really magnificent," said the Russian thoughtfully, "but in other respects I am disappointed. The cities, for instance, are so poor in hygienic installations. Now in the Soviet Union you would find a delousing station for public use in every large railroad station. Here in the United States I've never seen one."

as favorable.

But even the Russian account means 4,090,280 Germans had the courage to say "no." They said it in an atmosphere of terror. They said it despite the fact that they undoubtedly want national unity and withdrawal of foreign troops at the earliest moment.

One can only regret that courage of this high order was not put to better use in the earlier Germany, which submitted to Hitler's yoke.

BACK TO THE FOLD

One can only hope that this stout-hearted demonstration is indeed, as Gen. Clay believes, a sign that Germans slowly are finding their way back toward the democratic fold. And one may wish that fear-ridden peoples in other lands under Russian domination take new heart from this example.

Anti-Onion Appeal

Toronto Star

The anti-onion people are generally mild, long-suffering folk, rendered humble by the frowns of hostesses and the careless utterance of the onion-eating crowd. But their feeling is intense, and their patience is getting thin. We would suggest to eating-place operators that they be given a break: if not in the name of humanity, then at least in the cause of good business. In their present desperate state, they may break away and organize guaranteed onion-free restaurants to cater to their kind.

GLOBAL SURVEY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press News Analyst

THE BIG FOUR Foreign Ministers' Council meeting in Paris seems no closer to substantial agreement between Russia and the western powers than it was when it started 10 days ago. In fact the conference has lost much of the atmosphere of amiability in which it opened.

The only worthwhile possibility that appears at the moment is some sort of economic unity between the eastern and western zones of Germany. The chances of political unity already have gone down the drain pipe.

Foreign Minister Vishinsky of Russia last week gave his customary "No" to the proposal by Britain, the United States and France that the Russian zone of Germany form a political union with the new federal republic comprising the three western theatres. Then yesterday he proposed that the Foreign Ministers' Council invite a delegation from the Communist-dominated "German People's Congress" of the Soviet zone to appear before it.

The "German People's Congress" has adopted a constitution for a "German democratic republic." The idea of the delegation appearing before the council was to advocate that western Germany join the "German democratic republic."

The three western powers voted down Vishinsky's proposal. They contended the people's congress isn't really representative of all Germany, as it claims to be. So Vishinsky got an echoing "No."

UNION MOSCOW'S AIM

This projected eastern zone regime is to be a totalitarian republic like those of the other satellite states. Should there be a union between the communist "German democratic republic" and the federal republic of the western area, the Red zone would provide the spearhead for the attempted communication of the other three zones. For that reason Moscow would jump at the chance to make such a union, and by the same token the western democracies will keep as far away from it as possible.

So far as concerns the taking over of western Germany by the "German people's republic," it's wholly unlikely Moscow expected it could be done. It was just a manoeuvre. Actually the average German hates the name of communism and the only way he could be made to bow to it would be by force.

CLIPPED AT RANDOM

UNHEALTHY CONFIDENCE

Ottawa Citizen
Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky of the Red Army states that Russia's military forces are the only ones today able "successfully to decide all problems of modern warfare." Overconfidence is not a healthy characteristic of any army.

SILENT PARTNERS

The Times of London
It is just as well that animals do not share our finer perceptions. The hazards of a postman's life would be materially increased if dogs understood their master's distaste for the income-tax demands which are so regular a feature of his burden; and cows whose return to the dairy was always liable to be delayed while they stopped to admire the sunset would be an awful nuisance. It is said, in a way, that our dumb friends are incapable of tasting so many of our joys; but since, by the same token, they are precluded from sharing a good many of our griefs, perhaps they have not got so very much to complain about.

'FREE' CORN SERVICE

Ottawa Journal
The British Minister of Health has turned down a proposal from the Chiropractors' Council that a "free" foot service be included in the government's public-health scheme at a cost estimated at £2,700,000 a year. "The line must be drawn somewhere," said an official of the department.

Britons who suffer from corns are bound to ask why the line should be drawn to include wigs, spectacles and wheel chairs and to exclude attention to the pedal extremities of taxpayers. And as the British Minister of Health already is learning, the pressure on that line is strong and constant: paternalism, once established as an official policy, digs itself in and spreads its roots. If free wigs why not free treatments for corns? If free foot-service, why not free, beauty treatments, free hair-cuts and shaves?

Says Communism Not Idle Threat



Mrs. Nancy Hodges, Coalition candidate for Victoria in the provincial elections, was guest speaker at a ladies' day luncheon of the Kiwanis Club at the Empress Hotel Monday. She is shown with club officers and their wives who arranged program. Behind Mrs. Hodges, left, is Mrs. Don Smith, wife of the club president. Next is Mrs. R. W. Hibberson, wife of the vice-president. Mr. Hibberson is next to her and Mr. Smith on the right.

Mrs. Nancy Hodges would like to see the return of the real old-fashioned bluish.

In a straight-from-the-shoulder talk to Kiwanians and their wives Tuesday at the Empress Hotel, Mrs. Hodges, who has represented the city in the Legislature since 1941 and who is a coalition candidate again for the June 15 vote, blamed the women for a lowering of some moral standards.

She was speaking on the apathetic nature of the people of Canada where, she said, communism was not an idle threat. There was a great need for a moral and spiritual regeneration of mankind—a regeneration which would be dedicated to world peace, Mrs. Hodges said. It was the women who could bring this about but first they had to take stock of themselves and revise their fashions in morals to play up honesty, decency, truth and modesty.

"We have forgotten how to blush," Mrs. Hodges said.

"I can't help thinking this way when I see so much salacious literature on our news stands and some of the films which appear," she continued.

"We are accepting things a little too easily."

FACE CHALLENGE
Mrs. Hodges thought everyone faced a challenge in political responsibility.

There was a lot of talk about rights of democracy but if the talk did not switch soon to responsibilities in democracy those rights could be lost, she said.

The recent vote here on a by-law to build additional schools was a shocking example of the lack of responsibility which threatened to open the doors of democracy to communism.

Only 14 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls and what

made matters worse was the fact that ballots in this instance could be cast only by property owners—people who had a stake in the community.

On the other hand it was often the case when people who were not ratepayers took a greater interest, and this is where the great danger existed.

A mere handful of people, taking advantage of the apathy of those who believed in the ideals and ideologies of the democratic way of life, could introduce alien philosophies overnight.

Mrs. Hodges was thanked for her address by Mrs. Andy Stewart who was among wives of clubmen who took over the weekly meeting of their husbands. In the chair was Mrs. R. W. Hibberson. Vocal selections were given by Mrs. Alice Waddell accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Janet Swetnam.

Free Nations Ought To Trade Among Selves, Says Drew

VANCOUVER (CP)—A belief free nations of the world should trade among themselves was voiced Tuesday night by George Drew, National Progressive Conservative leader, in an election address here.

He said the current exchange problem had led some free nations to trade with countries behind the Iron Curtain.

"Canada is anxious to trade with all nations, but I think we should make it clear we will deal with those countries behind the Iron Curtain when they are prepared not to undermine our economic strength."

TALKS OF TRADE

Mr. Drew, who had spoken earlier in New Westminster as

he continued his trans-Canada federal election campaign tour, said the present government has "led us in a knot" as far as trade is concerned. The lumber, fish and fruit markets of British Columbia overseas had been lost.

Last month exports from Canada to all countries had fallen off \$86,000,000. Exports to the United Kingdom had fallen some \$22,000,000.

Mr. Drew reiterated that a government under his leadership would take steps to make the dollar and the pound convertible. Such action, he added, would not only enable Canada to regain her lost markets but it would also help her to expand her present markets.

NO MERGER

In his New Westminster speech Mr. Drew pledged his party to a "no-compromise" fight for the 262 Commons seats at stake in the election and repeated that the Progressive Conservatives would join no coalition if they

should fail to win a majority in the June 27 vote. The Progressive Conservatives were fighting, he said, for a return to responsible government.

He charged the Liberal administration felt it was in office by "divine ordinance," and called for "an end to the minor czars and petty dictators." It had denied information to Parliament, he said.

Announce Winners Of College Awards

Announcement is expected to be made Friday of this year's winners of over \$2,000 in scholarships and prizes at Victoria College.

This was learned today from Prof. R. T. Wallace of the college, who said there will be between 35 and 40 winners.

In addition to cash awards there will be a gold wrist watch, book and slide-rule prizes.

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Campbell To Present Certificate To Wing

Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Campbell, air officer commanding northwest air command, will present the recently-organized Victoria wing of the Air Force Association with its wing certificate, it was announced at an association meeting Monday night.

Date for the presentation has not been set, but it will likely be sometime next week.

At the meeting, Myles Hague, president of the Victoria Flying Club, told members of the activities of the group and other flying clubs across Canada.

A sum of money was voted to be spent this summer to give flying training to a member of the No. 89 (Kinsmen) Air Cadet Squadron. The cadet will be

selected from a number who attain the qualifications laid down by the air force association.

Plans for observance of Air Force Day, June 11, among them a dance at the Crystal Garden, were approved.

Accidental Deaths

CAMPBELL RIVER—Two coroner's juries returned verdicts of accidental death in the cases of Verner Westman, 44, and Cecil Collinson, 30.

Struck by a falling sapling at A. and K. Logging Company operations, Deep Water Bay, Westman died in Lourdes Hospital at Campbell River Friday as a result of head injuries.

Collinson died almost instantly when he was struck by a tree at Rock Bay, while working for the Granite Bay Logging Company Thursday.

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B.C. Party Leaders Outline Policies In Mainland Talks

By CANADIAN PRESS

Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb charged Tuesday night that "most members of the C.C.F. are siding with the Kremlin against the free people of the world."

In a provincial election speech at Mission, he called on the electorate to cast out the "evil cancer of Socialism and its brother Communism."

He also claimed there was no difference between prewar National Socialism in Germany and Socialism in B.C.

Meanwhile his co-leader of the Coalition, Premier Byron Johnson, told a political rally at Kamloops that the Liberal-Progressive Conservative government has "absolute unanimity."

He said the 1941 merger had given the best government in the province's history, and had advanced B.C.'s social legislation to the highest in Canada.

He said the administration would use "every effort" to induce the Aluminum Company of Canada to establish its proposed \$300,000,000 industry at Kitimat, and defended Bill 66, which empowers the lands minister to con-

tract with the company without further reference to the Legislature.

The Premier's only reference to Socialism—"I'm dead against it."

In Vancouver, Attorney-General Gordon Wismer predicted B.C. would be plunged into "industrial gloom" if the Socialists take over the province. He accused the C.C.F. of trying to "sell labor down the river," and said unemployment would result from closure of industries brought about by its election.

At Golden, C.C.F. leader Harold Winch charged that the Coalition administration is "squandering" the taxpayers' money in its road work program.

He promised a C.C.F. government would make a full inquiry into highway expenditures. He would also give "major consideration" to three routes for a Trans-Canada Highway, necessitated by the economy and topography of the country.

The routes would be a Northern Trans-Provincial route to Jasper, a road through the interior to Calgary and a southern route to Lethbridge.

Manitoba Asks Removal Of Freight Rate Inequalities

WINNIPEG (CP)—Removal of freight-rate inequalities between western and eastern Canada as urged by Manitoba today in the opening public submission to the Royal Commission on National Transportation.

Premier D. L. Campbell of this prairie province presented to the three-man body a list of prairie grievances and proposed remedies as the commissioners opened a five-week western swing touching off a far-ranging inquiry expected to last more than a year.

AVERAGE HIGHER

To the commission charged with looking into every phase of transportation under Dominion jurisdiction—in the biggest investigation of its kind in more than a quarter century.

Premier Campbell submitted:

1. Western Canada is at a disadvantage because its average level of freight rates is higher than in the east, and this disadvantage should be eliminated.

2. Tighter regulation should be imposed on the railways in rate-setting.

3. Certain "trans-continental" rates, claimed by the Premier to give an unjustified advantage to shippers on Canada's two coasts, should be hoisted or eliminated altogether.

Another proposal of the premier was that the Hudson Bay Railway, a short-rail-haul outlet

for prairie grain and other products by way of Churchill, Man., should be developed to the maximum.

The Manitoba premier was the first of about 20 witnesses due to appear before the commission, headed by Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, at a three-day sitting in this prairie gateway city.

From here the commission will go to Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria, Vancouver, Port Arthur and Fort William before moving into the Maritimes, Newfoundland and later Ontario and Quebec.

The railways add their freight tolls—and the manner in which those tolls were set—occupied much of Premier Campbell's 8,000-word submission, which served as a general introduction to more detailed proposals which the province will lay before the board later.

REGULATION PROBLEM

Premier Campbell called for legislative revisions in the way the railways now are regulated by the Board of Transport Commissioners under the Railway Act.

(It is generally accepted that the prairie scale of rates on the average is higher than that of Ontario and Quebec. British Columbia's will be about the same as that of the prairies as of July 1, when its above-normal "mountain differential" rate is removed under a recent order of the Board of Transport Commissioners. The Maritimes are given a 20 per cent reduction from their normal rates on some hauls under a 1927 statute.)

The premier emphasized the view that some system should be set up whereby railway revenues and expenditures would be scrutinized from the point of view of the public interest. Railway rates should be fair to both the carriers and the public.

He took issue with some aspects of the rate-making figures submitted by the Canadian Pacific Railway to the Board of Transport Commission in rate hearings over the last two years.



WILLIAM WILSON

VETERAN SEALER—Funeral services were held this afternoon from Hayward's for William Charles Wilson, 80, who died Sunday morning at Mount St. Mary. Mr. Wilson came to Esquimalt with the sealing schooners in 1895 and after a few years' sealing, settled permanently in Victoria.

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Johnny Page, 24-Year-Old War Veteran, Wins Times Talent Quest Semifinals

One thousand, five hundred Victorians chose Johnny Page, a 24-year-old overseas veteran, as the winner of the Victoria Times Talent Quest semifinals at the Odeon Theatre Tuesday evening.

Johnny, competing against six other acts presented on the Odeon stage by Hollywood talent scout Roy Gordon, won his way to the talent quest finals and a chance at the free trip to Hollywood with a black-face imitation of Al Jolson as a "mammy" singer.

The 24-year-old truck driver was born in England and came to Vancouver Island at the age of six, living first in Nanaimo.

He joined the army in April, 1942, at the age of 17 and went overseas in December of the same year. He fought in France with the 28th Armored Regt. and remained overseas until January, 1946, when he returned to Canada and took his discharge.

He came to Victoria four years ago and now is driving for Evans, Coleman and Johnson Bros. Ltd.

Johnny, who is married, started singing in public more or less in spite of himself. Accustomed to singing at home and with friends, he had no intention of doing anything more about it until two years ago when an enthusiastic friend shoved him in front of a microphone at the Club Sirocco and told him to sing.

Johnny sang, and, as he says, "that started it."

His Tuesday night victory, however, was not easily won for he had to compete with six other acts selected by audience applause as the winners in the weekly contests which preceded the semifinals.

First competitor to appear on the stage in the finals Tuesday was accordion virtuoso Ed Sapala whose nimble fingers danced over the keys of his instrument in a sparkling version of "Lady of Spain."

Second performer to appear was crooner Ken Cooper who sang "The Stars Will Remember."

Johnny Page, the third act, was followed by the Lorne Elves Trio, harmonists Lorne and John Elves and Frank Leach whose performance put them high up in the popularity of the audience.

Diminutive Valerie Parkin, complete with lei and grass skirt gave a Hawaiian dance with all the sinuous grace of a South Seas belle.

Tommy Shirley, who came down from Duncan to take his part in the semifinals, made a strong bid for top honors with his boy soprano voice and was announced by Mr. Gordon to have ranked second choice according to the audience applause.

Little Frances Merriman was the last of the competitors to appear and did an acrobatic dance with feats of contortion which made it look as if her



This group of semifinalists put up stiff competition in their bids for top place. Front, left to right: Ed Sapala, Valerie Parkin and Tommy Shirley. Back, left to right: Ken Cooper, the Lorne Elves Trio, Lorne Elves, Frank Leach and John Elves, and Duncan's Tommy Shirley.

bones were made of rubber or even were non-existent.

To round out the evening's stage entertainment, Mr. Gordon presented two non-competing acts. One was a tap dance number by a miniature chorus line of eight, nine and 10-year-old girl students of the Florence Clough Dancing Academy. The second was that of the Cubanaires, who have been appearing as guest artists regularly on the talent quest contest nights.

Now, with the first of the semifinals completed and the winner chosen, Mr. Gordon will conduct another four contests once a week to select another group of winners to seek first place in the second semifinals. From this second semifinal contest will be chosen the winner, who will compete with Johnny Page in the grand final contest which will end the quest for the top entertainment talent on Victoria.

During the Hollywood trip which will go to the final winner there will be a full round of sightseeing for him or her in the fabulous film capital. The visit will take in film studios, favorite radio programs and favorite entertainment spots of the stars themselves.

The inscription: "On His Majesty's Service" on official letters in India will be replaced by "On Government of India's Service."

Farm Leader Believes U.S. Should Increase Aid Abroad

GUELPH, Ont. (CP) — A spokesman for United States farmers' organizations said today that isolationism is dead.

James G. Patton of Denver, Colo., president of the powerful National Farmers' Union, told delegates to the Third International Federation of Agricultural Producers' conference here that aid already given the world by the United States is not enough.

He said the republic's four greatest farm organizations—the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives, the National Grange and his own body—would support still greater aid.

Earlier Sir James Turner, head of the National Farmers' Union of Great Britain and president of the I.F.A.P. had warned the opening session of the conference that a difficult period for agriculture is approaching.

The buyers' market had arrived. If it should develop to the point where it undermines world economy, the effect on all trade and employment would be disastrous.

He hoped the recently-negotiated international wheat agreement was a forerunner of orderliness in the marketing of other commodities.

Mr. Patton said the program of the United States government for European recovery "now seems to us to be far too limited."

It was necessary to supplement it increasingly by private capital and by other resources, perhaps including the International Bank. At the conclusion of his speech he was given an ovation by delegates representing 23 of the world's foremost food-producing nations.

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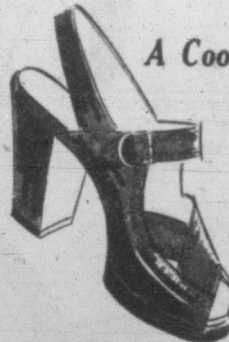
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